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Serial No.: 09/966,019 Examiner:
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For: Methods and Apparatus for Recognizing and Reacting to Denial of Service
Attacks on a Computerized Network

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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The applicants herewith submit this Preliminary Amendment for the referenced U.S. Utility patent application which was filed with the U.S. PTO on September 28, 2001 and which claims priority to an earlier filed German national patent application. The subject matter of this Preliminary Amendment presents draft claims which closely parallel the claims filed in the German parent application, set forth in a form more closely allied with U.S. patent preparation and prosecution. Applicants aver that no New Matter is hereby introduced.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Title of the Application

Please delete "Methods" and insert in lieu thereof - - Method - -.

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Serial No: 09/966,019)
Filing Date: September 28, 2001) Art Group Unit: 2161
Title: Methods and Apparatus for Recognizing)
and Reacting to Denial of Service Attacks)
on a Computerized Network)
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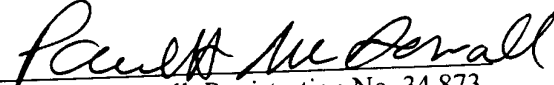
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